



**Vol. 23 No. 6**

**November-December 2023**

## Helping Hands Outreach IMPACT

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023



Meals



Dementia Library



Exercise Class



Christmas Cheer

Senior Driving Class



Foot Clinic



Respite

NuStep

Friendly Visits



330 Clients Served

72 New Clients

9,181 Total Service hours

88 Volunteers

11 New Volunteers

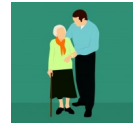
1,298 Volunteer Service Hours

589 one way rides

3,910 Meals Served

Serving Holdingford-St Stephen

Caregiver Support



Transportation



Book & Puzzle Library



Equipment Lending



Cards 500 & Cribbage

Game Day



Chores



Holdingford Daze  
Bake Sale & Bingo

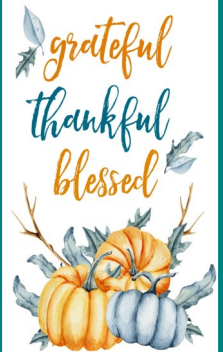


Best part of the numbers above is meeting each and every one of you!

All of us here at Helping Hands Outreach consider it an honor to be a part of this organization, serving the wonderful people in the communities of Holdingford, St Stephen, and Rice.

We look forward to making the New Year even better. Watch for new upcoming events and service opportunities.

And as always, you are welcomed and encouraged to stop in visit with us.



### Pre-Order Coffee Cakes!



We will be baking Poppy Seed, Raspberry Cream Cheese, and Apple Cream Cheese! The price will be \$15. We will take orders until December 8th. Please call the office to pre-order 320-746-9960.

Our Office will be closed on the following dates:

**November:** 23rd & 24th

**December:** 22nd & 25th

**January:** 1st

The week of **December 26th-29th** our office will be open 8am-12pm.

## Gifts of Cheer

**We will be collecting items for our Christmas Cheer packages again this year. These packages will be distribute in December to older adults in our area that could use a little extra Christmas cheer. Please feel free to drop items off at Helping Hands Outreach office during business hours.**

**Please drop off items by December 11th.**

Below is a list of needed items.

- \* Serving size packets of chicken and tuna
- \* Single serve coffee packets
- \* Single serve hot chocolate packets
- \* Fun size chips
- \* Single serve mac & cheese bowls
- \* Little Debbie/ Nutty Bars/ Doughnuts/ Cookie Packets
- \* Granola bars/Breakfast bars
- \* Individual servings of pudding/ fruit cups
- \* Laundry detergent liquid/ fabric softener liquid
- \* Puzzles (300 & 500 pieces)
- \* Toilet paper
- \* 13-gallon garbage bags
- \* Kleenex
- \* Pump hand soaps
- \* LED flashlights
- \* Chapstick
- \* Socks
- \* Mittens/ hats/ gloves
- \* Washcloths/ dish towels
- \* Toothbrush/ toothpaste
- \* Cans of soup/ individual soup cups
- \* Crackers
- \* Fun pack cereals (Little boxes)
- \* Instant oatmeal packets
- \* Juice boxes
- \* Local gift cards \$5-\$10 (gas/ shopping/ services/ restaurants)
- \* Large print sudoku/ word finds/ pencils/ gel pens
- \* Individual packets of peanuts/ nuts/ trail mix
- \* Individual wrapped candies



## Upcoming Events

**Important**

There will be no monthly meals in  
**November!**

In **December**, there is a change to  
the monthly lunch & learn schedule.

St. Stephen - December 14th

Holdingford - December 21st

### Monthly Lunch & Learns

**Social Starts 11:30**

**Meal 12:00**

**Speaker 12:30**

**Entertainment to follow**

**St. Stephen -**

St Stephen Church Hall

**Next Meal December 14th**

**Holdingford -**

Holdingford American Legion

**Next Meal December 21st**

**Monthly Lunch & Learns**

**Suggested Donation \$5**

Upcoming Speakers

December- The Blommel Family will be  
performing music!

### Exercise Classes

**Holdingford City Hall**

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30 am

**Rice Lion's Building**

Tuesdays 12:30-1:30 pm

### Feet First Clinic

**Holdingford City Hall**

1st Tuesday of the month

9:00 am—Noon

**Call Helping Hands for an  
Appointment 320-746-9960**

**Weekly Meals** Served at Noon

**Holdingford-** Tuesdays at City Hall

followed by social hour and/or 500.

**St Stephen-** Wednesdays followed by 500.

October-December at The Rusty Nail

January-March at Trobec's

**Weekly Meals suggested donation \$6**

**Funday**

### **Game Day**

Wednesdays 9:30-11:00

Helping Hands Office

No experience required



### **Cribbage**

Wednesdays 1:00- 3:00

Rice Lion's Building

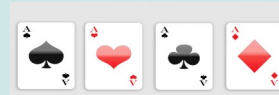


### **500**

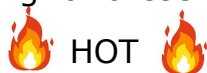
Wednesdays 12:30- 3:30

St Stephen Trobec's or

Rusty Nail



If you or anyone you know is parting with medical equipment, let them know that Helping Hands Outreach will take it off their hands! We are currently looking for these items.



- In & Out Bath Benches
- Knee Scooters
- Grabbers



We have an assortment of incontinent briefs and pads in a variety of sizes.

If you or someone you know is in need of them, please stop in or give us a call.



## Our Spotlights of the Month!!

Check out our office window to see the questions and answers that our spotlights were asked!!

Each month we will be spotlighting Helping Hands Outreach members in our newsletter as well as the window in our office! Spotlighted members will be given a fun questionnaire to fill out. We are excited to highlight all our wonderful people.

## November-December

Helen Heisick	Lois Angulski
Philomene Stegura	Celia Coffield
Doreen Smoley	George Bieniek
Arnold Stueve	Gerald Ramler
	Elizabeth Pogatshnik

## Volunteer Opportunities

- **We are looking for volunteers to deliver 4-7 meals in and around Holdingford on Tuesdays.**
- Lunch & Learn— Looking for a Cook or Cooks to help plan and prepare our monthly meals in St. Stephen and Holdingford. We buy the supplies.
- Always looking for volunteer drivers in Holdingford and St. Stephen.

Call us at 746-9960 for more information!



## Upcoming Annual Appeal

That time of year again, where we humbly ask for your financial donations. It is only because of the generous support from all of you, that we are able provide the needed services and community events that enhance the lives of our older adults.

The HomeInstead (Give 65) matching donation, that we have had in the past, is no longer available. So there will be no time sensitive giving.

Check your mailbox for your Annual Appeal letter coming out around Thanksgiving.

However you choose to support Helping Hands Outreach, know that your support is very important and appreciated.

### Who Can Be a Caregiver?

The answer might surprise you. Anyone can be a caregiver and many are without even realizing it or classifying themselves as one. One in every 6 adults are caregivers, 59% are women, 24% are over 65, and 23% are providing care to someone with dementia.

A report conducted by the National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC) and AARP, found that caregivers are:

- 85 percent relatives
- 10 percent friends
- 3 percent neighbors
- 2 percent another non-relative



When a person requires care for those day-to-day tasks, most of the time, this care is provided by someone close to them, usually a relative.

Help for the caregiver can be found, and is often supplemented by, a hospice team, home health care, neighbors, hired nursing assists, and community support (like Helping Hands Outreach), however much of the physical and psychological stress still falls on the family caregiver. Due to the prolonged nature of caregiving, respite is very important. (RESPITE is the term used to offer relief or short term care services for the caregiver when they are absent or need a break.)

While the relative is usually the spouse or adult child of the care receiver, sometimes the caregiver isn't even old enough to manage their own legal or medical decisions.

According to the National Alliance for Caregiving, people in the U.S. between the ages of 8 and 18 care for over 1.3 million sick and/or disabled family members.

They perform a variety of tasks, with some of their responsibilities including:

- grocery/clothes shopping, cooking, cleaning, and laundry
- bathing, dressing, toileting, getting in/out of bed, on/off chairs, and feeding
- paying bills, and managing legal documents (advanced directive, power of attorney, will, trust, estate planning)
- making sure medications are taken correctly, manage behavioral symptoms and pain, supervise others who are assisting with cares/respite, and locate medical support systems.

## Office Hours

**Monday—Thursday 8 am—4 pm**

**Friday 8 am—2 pm**

### Wish list:

#### Bingo Prizes

- Large print Word Find & Sudoku books
- Cleaning Products
- Paper Products
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Dollar Tree Items
- Cans of Soup

#### For the Office

- 300 & 500 piece Puzzles
- Printing Paper
- Coffee— Regular & Decaf.
- Lemonade Mix



**Drop off your Teals  
Market receipts!**

We continue to accept and benefit from your Teals Market receipts. In 2023 we have received  
**\$1,037.26**

**In total we have received \$6,439.05.**

Thank you to Teals Market for your donation and to Linda Harren for coordinating this program.

## Helping Hands Outreach Board Members:

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Board Meetings 7:00 pm last  
Wednesday of the month.  
No Board Meeting July & December.  
Annual Meeting in September.

### Staff:

Denise Leahy  
Executive Director-Rice Coordinator  
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Client Support/Caregiver Coordinator  
Abby Tensen  
Program & Service Coordinator  
Iris Smoley Housekeeping

### Ways to support Helping Hands

- ◆ Teals Receipts \*In-kind donations \*Volunteer your time
- ◆ Cash donations dropped off at the office or mailed to  
PO Box 293 Holdingford
- ◆ Through our website [www.holdingfordhelpinghands.org](http://www.holdingfordhelpinghands.org)
- ◆ Automatic recurring payment through your bank's bill pay  
service
- ◆ Designate Helping Hands from your Thrivent Financial account
- ◆ IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution
- ◆ Amazon Smile

Helping Hands Outreach is looking to contract with a Handyman on an on call basis. Our office has a general maintenance needs.

Please give us a call for more information.



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**THANK YOU!**



**Our Apologies if we fail to print your name in our Donor lists. Please give us a call so that we can correct it in our next newsletter.**

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